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this means of unifying the agencies of Christian education is indicated by paragraph six of the Findings printed below.

Dr. Kelly proposed the creation, at as early a date as might be considered practicable, of an American Council on Christian Education whose membership would be made up of representatives of each of the national interdenominational and undenominational agencies of Christian education which cared to make application.

This Council should be independent of all other agencies, but by virtue of its composition, would naturally be recognized as the comprehensive agency for Christian education throughout the country, and would probably take the place of the Commission on Christian Education of the Federal Council of Churches.

It would not be an "overhead agency" and would not be given administrative power. Its primary purpose would be to serve as a clearing house of information and as a means of bringing together at opportune moments the representatives of various phases of Christian education. However, in order to be of real service, it would be necessary that it have a central office and a director or executive secretary with such assistants as might be necessary to carry out its essential purpose.

Among the functions which are of interest to large groups of agencies, if not in each case to all of them, may be named that of research, publicity, life service, curriculum, and educational standards and educational extension and correlation.

The American Council would stimulate the formation of local or community councils whose functions would be to bring together local agencies in order that duplications might be avoided and the community be better served.

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## **FINDINGS OF THE CONFERENCE OF EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES**

**Garden City, Long Island, May 12 to 14, 1921**

1. As representatives of the agencies of Christian Education, assembled at Garden City, Long Island, May 12 to 14, we desire to record our deep appreciation of the great value of this conference. It has brought together for the first time

official representatives of practically all the varied educational agencies connected with the Protestant churches, and has afforded them an opportunity to consider their educational task as a whole and the possibility of a larger co-operation in fulfilling their responsibility. It has given us an even deeper sense of the fundamental importance of Christian education, and of the urgency of the demand for a more adequate and unified educational program.

2. We note with great satisfaction the large progress already made toward the effective co-ordination of programs and organizations in this field through such agencies as the International Sunday School Lesson Committee and the Council of Church Boards of Education. We follow with interest and sympathy the negotiations now in progress between the Sunday School Council of Evangelical Denominations and the International Sunday School Association, and trust that the outcome may be a more effective co-ordination of the forces now operating in these important fields. We desire to support and strengthen all movements toward cooperation and unity now under way.

3. At the same we register the conviction that some more inclusive coordination is essential to the complete fulfillment of our whole educational task. We feel an imperative need for some continuous provision for conference on the part of all the agencies carrying on the many-sided work of Christian education. Such problems as those which we have considered in this conference are not the concern of one agency alone, or even of a group of agencies covering less than the whole field; they can be solved adequately only as the various agencies make their plans in full knowledge and understanding of what is being planned by others. To awaken the public conscience to the need for Christian education; to secure a system of Christian education that shall include the whole community; to reach the groups outside the churches and now untouched by any of our agencies; to relate the work of the Sunday school, of the agencies for missionary education, of the young people's societies, of the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations, of the Boy Scouts and other organizations in the field of Christian education to one another; to ad-

just the Church's educational work to that of the public school; to study religious education scientifically and to make the best use of modern research in general education; to organize more effectively the religious influences in the institutions of higher learning that are not supported by the churches; to correlate the churches' agencies for religious education in the parish with her agencies for religious education in her schools and colleges,—these and other problems all demand the united consideration of all the agents of Christian education if the most effective program is to be achieved.

4. We recommend, therefore, that a continuation committee of this conference be created, made up of one representative of each of the national interdenominational or non-denominational agencies carrying on educational work, whose duty it shall be through regular meetings:

a. To study further the present situation in the whole field of Christian education and the ways in which the most effective co-operation of the existing agencies can be secured.

b. To arrange, sometime within a year, for a further conference similar to the present one, to be made up of representatives of all the agencies of Christian education.

c. To suggest ways in which certain phases of the task of Christian education which are not yet cared for by an agency could be successfully developed.

5. We recommend further, that the continuation committee be provisionally made up of the representatives of the various agencies which have served upon the committee on findings, subject to such changes as the officers of any of these organizations may care to make; that this provisional continuation committee be requested to effect an organization and provide for the services of a secretary as soon as possible; and that each of the participating agencies be invited at its next annual meeting to designate its official representative upon the continuation committee.

6. We believe that through these steps we may come to such a larger sense of the greatness and oneness of our educational task that a permanent Council on Christian Education, in which all the agencies of Christian education shall be included, may be formed and may make possible a more adequate

program of Christian education in the nation and in every local community.

(Signed)

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